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SUBJECT: 13TH FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR LATIN AMERICA:

AGENDA ITEMS 4-6 OF TECHNICAL STAGE OF CONFERENCE

1. SUMMARY: TECH STAGE AGENDA ITEMS 4-6 COMPLETED. GOOD INTRODUCTION BY DEPREGREP SET TONE FOR ACTIVE DISCUSSION WHICH WAS CONSTRUCTIVE, ALBEIT SUPERFICIAL AT TIMES, AND UNPOLITICAL EXCEPT BRIEF CHILE:CUBA ENCOUNTER. FAO/ECLA PANEL TO BE AZIZ, RESTREPO, AND IGLESIAS. END SUMMARY

2. AGENDA ITEM 4 - STATEMENT BY FAO DEPUTY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR LA, MR. P. MORAL LOPEZ, INTRODUCED TECHNICAL STAGE OF CONFERENCE WITH GOOD, WELL-ORGANIZED STATEMENT WHICH WAS WELL RECEIVED AND SET TONE FOR ACTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION. HE EXPLAINED FAO PROGRAMMING SYSTEM, FAO ACTIVITIES IN LA
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DURING PAST BIENNIUM AND SUBSTANCE OF TECH. STAGE AGENDA.

MORAL MENTIONED REGULAR PROGRAM BUDGET FOR LA REGION IN 1974-75 IS \$6.3 MILLION AND EXTRA BUDGETARY FUNDS (UNDP AND BILATERAL TECH. ASSISTANCE FUNDS) TOTAL \$36.1 MILLION. FAO/ECLA PANEL MEMBERS FOR AUG. 16-17 DISCUSSION NOT YET ANNOUNCED BUT SAID TO BE AZIZ (WFC SECRETARIAT), MR. LLERAS RESTREPO (COLOMBIA)

AND IGLESIAS (EXEC. SEC'Y, ECLA) WHO WILL INTRODUCE CONFERENCE DISCUSSION TOPICS ENTITLED RESPECTIVELY (A) BACKGROUND AND SCOPE OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, (B) FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT, AND (C) FOOD IN LATIN AMERICA WITHIN REGIONAL AND WORLD ECONOMIC CONTEXT.

3. AGENDA ITEM 5 - INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT. INTRODUCED BY MR. S. VARAS OF SECRETARIAT, THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED ACTIVELY FOR TWO HALF-DAY SESSIONS AFTER ALMOST FOUNDERING FOR LACK OF INTERVENTIONS. LOW-KEY U.S. INTERVENTION SEEMED WELL RECEIVED. THIRTEEN OF 21 DELEGATIONS PRESENT (27 COUNTRIES MEMBER THIS FAO REGION) ENTERED DEBATE -- SOME SEVERAL TIMES. TWO LENGTHY PANAMA INTERVENTIONS EMPHASIZED INTER ALIA IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND INCLUDED READING OF SEVERAL SEEMINGLY UNCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTIONS NOT YET DISTRIBUTED TO DELEGATES. DEBATE INCLUDED BRIEF CHIL/ CUBA DISAGREEMENT OVER ADEQUACY OF EACH COUNTRY'S ACTIONS ON DEVELOPMENT, REPORTED BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM.

4. AGENDA ITEM 6 - INTERNAL LIMITATIONS ON EXPORTS. THIS ITEM WAS INTRODUCED BY MR. M. HABIT OF FAO SECRETARIAT, WITH DEBATE NOON AUG. 13 TO NOON AUG. 14. MAIN THRUST SEEMED TO BE USUAL CONCERN OVER EXTERNAL LIMITATIONS OF EXPORTS WITH MUCH LESS ATTENTION GIVEN TO AGENDA FOCUS ON INTERNAL CONSTRAINTS. SHORT U.S. INTERVENTION FOLLOWED POSITION PAPER AND WAS WELL RECEIVED. ONLY INTERVENTION DEALING SPECIFICALLY WITH TRADE MATTERS WAS BY FRENCH (DE VAISSIERE), WHO EXPLAINED RATIONALE OF EEC MEAT IMPORT POLICIES IN RESPONSE ARGENTINE AND URUGUAY CONCERN ABOUT MEAT EXPORTS.

5. MR A. SACO (PERU) HAS BEEN NAMED RAPPORTEUR FOR TECHNICAL STAGE OF CONFERENCE. HONDURAS, MEXICO, COLOMBIA, AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO WERE NAMED AS DRAFTING COMMITTEE TO BE CHAIRED BY RAPPORTEUR. ALL INTERESTED DELEGATIONS ALSO INVITED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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